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Overview

Table 11.1 **Financial resources**

(United States dollars)

Appropriation for 2014-2015	17 010 400
Technical adjustments (removal of non-recurrent requirements and biennial provision of posts)	(18 300)
Changes in line with General Assembly resolution 69/264 (further reductions)	(154 600)
Total resource change	(172 900)
Proposal of the Secretary-General for 2016-2017[a]	16 837 500

[a] At 2014-2015 revised rates.

Table 11.2 **Post resources**

	Number	*Level*
Regular budget		
Approved for the biennium 2014-2015	44	1 USG, 1 D-2, 2 D-1, 6 P-5, 10 P-4, 13 P-3, 1 P-2/1, 1 GS (PL), 8 GS (OL), 1 LL
Proposed for the biennium 2016-2017	44	1 USG, 1 D-2, 2 D-1, 6 P-5, 10 P-4, 13 P-3, 1 P-2/1, 1 GS (PL), 8 GS (OL), 1 LL

Overall orientation

11.1 The General Assembly, in its resolution 57/7, endorsed the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) as the framework within which the international community should concentrate its efforts for Africa's development and called upon the United Nations system to enhance its advocacy role and public information activities in support of Africa's development. In the same resolution, the Assembly underscored the need for a structure in the Secretariat in New York to review and report on the support provided by the United Nations system and the international community for NEPAD and on the coordinated implementation of outcomes of summits and conferences as they relate to Africa. Subsequently, in its resolution 57/300, the Assembly endorsed the creation of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa and entrusted to it the role of coordinating reports and advocacy in support of NEPAD.

11.2 The Assembly welcomed actions taken at the regional level by the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) regarding the priority areas of NEPAD. The Regional Coordination Mechanism of United Nations system organizations working in Africa has become the core mechanism for enhancing United Nations system-wide coherence, coordination and cooperation at the regional and subregional levels in support of the African Union and its NEPAD programme.

11.3 NEPAD has been the overarching framework for the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals in Africa. Despite progress made by African countries, levels of poverty, food insecurity and maternal and infant mortality remain high. Moreover, prospects for sustainable development are threatened by challenges to peace, security, governance, the rule of law and the environment. In the political declaration on Africa's development needs, adopted in 2008 (see

Note: The following abbreviations are used in tables and charts: ASG, Assistant Secretary-General; GS, General Service; OL, Other level; PL, Principal level; RB, regular budget; USG, Under-Secretary-General; XB, extrabudgetary.

General Assembly resolution 63/1). Member States noted that the full and timely achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in Africa remained elusive and reaffirmed their commitment to address Africa's special needs.

11.4 NEPAD remains critical to the three dimensions of sustainable development in Africa (economic, social and environmental), as highlighted in the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (General Assembly resolution 66/288, annex). Efforts to devise a post-2015 development agenda and sustainable development goals reflecting Africa's needs and priorities are currently under way, including through intergovernmental processes such as the sustainable development goals and their targets and indicators; the Third International Conference on Financing for Development; and the data revolution and future mandates arising from the post-2015 development agenda and the ongoing negotiations on technology transfer, as well as other aspects covered in the synthesis report of the Secretary-General on the post-2015 sustainable development agenda, entitled "The road to dignity by 2030: ending poverty, transforming all lives and protecting the planet" (A/69/700).

11.5 While the African Peace and Security Architecture of the African Union has contributed to peace and security on the continent, several African countries continue to experience factors of instability that undermine durable peace and sustainable development. The need for a comprehensive response to promoting peace, security and development was recognized in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (A/52/871-S/1998/318). The General Assembly, in its resolution 67/293, requested the Secretary-General to continue to monitor and report to the Assembly on an annual basis on persistent and emerging challenges to durable peace and sustainable development in Africa and on the approach taken and the support provided by the United Nations system.

11.6 The United Nations is working to further support Africa in overcoming barriers to peace through the implementation of General Assembly resolution 67/302, in which the Assembly acknowledged the efforts to enhance coordination and cooperation between the African Union Peace and Security Council and the United Nations Security Council in the areas of peace and security, including the joint annual consultative meetings between members of the two Councils. The Assembly requested the Secretary-General to strengthen the role of the Interdepartmental/Inter-agency Task Force on Africa of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa to bring greater coherence and coordination in the United Nations support to Africa for the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union and its successor programme, the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda and the sustainable development goals, and other processes.

11.7 Increasingly, the international community has recognized the inextricable link between peace, security and development and the need to establish lasting conditions for peace as a basis for sustainable development. The Secretary-General, during visits to the Great Lakes Region and the Sahel with international and continental partners, has committed to provide practical support for peace, security and development in Africa. The Office of the Special Adviser on Africa will further reinforce the peace-security-development nexus in its advocacy and policy work.

11.8 The strategic plans of the African Union Commission and NEPAD for the period 2014-2017 coincide with ongoing negotiations to craft a successor programme to the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union by 2016 and the adoption, in January 2015, of the African Union's Agenda 2063, reflecting the African agenda for the 50 years leading to 2063, including the decision to designate NEPAD as the implementing agency and to increase the coherence of the actions and initiatives of the African Union and its organs and of key stakeholders and partners. It is expected that the strategic plans of the African Union Commission and NEPAD will be adjusted to take account of the new strategic directions charted by Agenda 2063. Revisions

to the biennial programme plan resulting from this process should be presented to Member States to ensure that the United Nations remains supportive of the work of NEPAD.

11.9 On the basis of General Assembly resolutions 67/293 and 67/294 and the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (A/68/506), the Assembly has decided to strengthen the Office to enable it to address emerging challenges and opportunities at the global and regional levels and to better support Africa, particularly NEPAD. The report contains recommendations for specific measures to strengthen the Office so that it can implement its existing and expanded mandate more effectively.

11.10 The General Assembly has also strengthened the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa to enable it to implement the mandate on the United Nations monitoring mechanism. The mechanism was established by Assembly resolution 66/293, following the report of the Secretary-General on a monitoring mechanism to review commitments towards Africa's development needs (A/65/165), submitted in compliance with paragraph 39 of the political declaration on Africa's development needs.

11.11 The Office the Special Adviser on Africa provides overall coordination and leadership for the programme, the joint responsibility for which it shares with ECA and the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat.

Overview of resources

11.12 The overall resources proposed for the biennium 2016-2017 for this section amount to $16,837,500 before recosting, reflecting a net decrease of $172,900 (or 1 per cent) compared with the appropriation for 2014-2015. Resource changes result from two factors: (a) technical adjustments relating to the removal of non-recurrent requirements; and (b) resource changes in line with General Assembly resolution 69/264 (further reductions). The proposed reductions will not have an impact on full and effective mandate implementation.

11.13 The distribution of resources is reflected in tables 11.3 to 11.5.

Table 11.3 **Financial resources by component**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

	2012-2013 expenditure	*2014-2015 appropriation*	*Resource changes*						*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2016-2017 estimate*
			Technical adjustment (non-recurrent, biennial provision of posts)	*New mandates and inter-component changes*	*Further reductions in line with resolution 69/264*	*Efficiencies in line with resolution 69/264*	*Total*	*Percentage*			
A. Programme of work											
1. Coordination of global advocacy of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	7 639.7	12 693.4	(18.3)	–	(118.5)	–	(136.8)	(1.1)	12 556.6	349.7	12 906.3
2. Regional coordination of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	1 888.4	1 909.6	–	–	(21.9)	–	(21.9)	(1.1)	1 887.7	107.7	1 995.4
3. Public information and awareness activities in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development	2 235.0	2 407.4	–	–	(14.2)	–	(14.2)	(0.6)	2 393.2	77.7	2 470.9
Subtotal	**11 763.2**	**17 010.4**	**(18.3)**	**–**	**(154.6)**	**–**	**(172.9)**	**(1.0)**	**16 837.5**	**535.1**	**17 372.6**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

	2012-2013 expenditure	*2014-2015 estimate*	*2016-2017 estimate*
A. Programme of work	–	974.2	500.0
Subtotal	**–**	**974.2**	**500.0**
Total (1) and (2)	**11 763.2**	**17 984.6**	**17 872.6**

Table 11.4 **Post resources**

Category	*Established regular budget*		*Temporary*						*Total*	
			Regular budget		*Other assessed*		*Extrabudgetary*			
	2014-2015	*2016-2017*	*2014-2015*	*2016-2017*	*2014-2015*	*2016-2017*	*2014-2015*	*2016-2017*	*2014-2015*	*2016-2017*
Professional and higher										
USG	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
D-2	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
D-1	2	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2
P-5	6	6	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	6
P-4/3	23	23	–	–	–	–	–	–	23	23
P-2/1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
Subtotal	**34**	**34**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**34**	**34**
General Service										
Principal level	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
Other level	8	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	8	8
Subtotal	**9**	**9**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**9**	**9**
Other										
Local level	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
Subtotal	**1**	**1**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**1**	**1**
Total	**44**	**44**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**44**	**44**

Table 11.5 **Distribution of resources by component**

(Percentage)

	Regular budget	*Other assessed*	*Extrabudgetary*
A. Programme of work			
1. Coordination of global advocacy of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	74.6	–	100.0
2. Regional coordination of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	11.2	–	–
3. Public information and awareness activities in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development	14.2	–	–
Total	**100.0**	**–**	**100.0**

Technical adjustments

11.14 Resource changes reflect the removal of non-recurrent requirements totalling $18,300 relating to the one-time provision for standard common service costs associated with nine posts approved for the biennium 2014-2015.

Resource changes in line with General Assembly resolution 69/264 (further reductions)

11.15 Resource changes of $154,600 are proposed in line with General Assembly resolution 69/264 under non-post resources and relate mainly to travel of staff, consultants, experts, contractual services, general operating expenses, and furniture and equipment and take into account the anticipated impact of the approved standards of accommodation for air travel ($56,800) and further efficiencies ($61,700) that are anticipated during the biennium 2016-2017.

Extrabudgetary resources

11.16 The total projected extrabudgetary resources, amounting to $500,000, would complement resources from the regular budget under subprogramme 1 to support the involvement of a broader range of civil society and private sector actors in the activities relating to NEPAD, including expert group meetings and panel discussions. An increase of $123,000 for 2016-2017 under subprogramme 1 reflects resource mobilization efforts strengthened through advocacy activities and the development of project proposals to be shared with potential contributors and other development partners. Under subprogramme 2, a decline in extrabudgetary resources was experienced during the biennium 2014-2015 in support of such activities, and that trend is expected to continue in the foreseeable future. No extrabudgetary resources, therefore, are envisaged for the biennium 2016-2017.

Other information

11.17 Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 58/269, resources identified for the conduct of monitoring and evaluation would amount to $217,700, representing eight work-months of Professional staff and four work-months of General Service (Other level) staff, as well as a consultant, for the biennium 2016-2017, funded from regular budget resources; and consultants and travel funded from extrabudgetary resources.

11.18 The issuance of publications as part of the programme of work has been reviewed in the context of each subprogramme. It is anticipated that recurrent and non-recurrent publications will be issued as summarized in table 11.6 and as distributed in the output information for each subprogramme.

Table 11.6 **Summary of publications**

	2012-2013 actual			*2014-2015 estimate*			*2016-2017 estimate*		
	Print	*Electronic*	*Print and electronic*	*Print*	*Electronic*	*Print and electronic*	*Print*	*Electronic*	*Print and electronic*
Recurrent	–	–	14	–	2	12	–	2	12
Non-recurrent	12	–	2	–	–	11	–	–	13
Total	**12**	**–**	**16**	**–**	**2**	**23**	**–**	**2**	**25**

A. Programme of work

11.19 The distribution of resources by subprogramme is reflected in table 11.7.

Table 11.7 **Resource requirements by subprogramme**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
	2014-2015	*2016-2017 (before recosting)*	*2014-2015*	*2016-2017*
Regular budget				
1. Coordination of global advocacy of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	12 693.4	12 556.6	32	32
2. Regional coordination of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	1 909.6	1 887.7	5	5
3. Public information and awareness activities in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development	2 407.4	2 393.2	7	7
Subtotal	**17 010.4**	**16 837.5**	**44**	**44**
Extrabudgetary	974.2	500.0	–	–
Total	**17 984.6**	**17 337.5**	**44**	**44**

Subprogramme 1
Coordination of global advocacy of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

Resource requirements (before recosting): $12,556,600

11.20 Substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested within the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, which will be proactive in working closely with Member States, the African Union, the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency and the entire United Nations system (including the Bretton Woods institutions) in the performance of its function. The subprogramme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy detailed under subprogramme 1 of programme 9 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2016-2017.

Table 11.8 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To strengthen international cooperation in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development and the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals and those for the period beyond 2015, in Africa

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	*Indicators of achievement*		*Performance measures*		
			2016-2017	*2014-2015*	*2012-2013*
(a) Increased international community support for Africa's development, in general, and for NEPAD, in particular	(i) Increased number of United Nations system activities in support of Africa's development	Target	165	148	145
		Estimate		158	145
		Actual			140
	(ii) Increased number of international forums, activities and outputs addressing South-South, North-South and triangular cooperation in support of Africa	Target	24	11	10
		Estimate		18	10
		Actual			10
(b) Improved monitoring of the implementation of commitments towards Africa's development, including through regional mechanisms	(i) Increased number of monitored and assessed commitments by African countries towards meeting Africa's development needs	Target	6	–	–
		Estimate		–	–
		Actual			–
	(ii) Increased number of monitored and assessed commitments by Africa's development partners towards meeting Africa's development needs	Target	8	–	–
		Estimate		–	–
		Actual			–
(c) Improved United Nations coordination in providing support to Africa's development	Increased number of projects, programmes and activities coordinated through the Interdepartmental/Inter-agency Task Force on Africa in support of Africa's development	Target	60	52	50
		Estimate		55	50
		Actual			50
(d) Increased international awareness of Africa's development issues	Increased number of visits and page views on the website of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa and other related websites	Target	30 000	–	–
		Estimate		–	–
		Actual			–

External factors

11.21 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) Member States continue to demonstrate the political will to implement effective actions in support of NEPAD and the African agenda in general; (b) the private sector and civil society, not only internationally, but especially in Africa itself, show their willingness to be involved in the implementation of NEPAD; and (c) all partners implement their financial pledges and other commitments in support of NEPAD.

Outputs

11.22 During the biennium 2016-2017, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) General Assembly:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings in connection with the agenda item entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support", including the review of the implementation of commitments made towards Africa's development (8);

b. Parliamentary documentation: reports on the New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support (2); progress reports on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (2); report on the review of the implementation of commitments towards Africa's development (1);

(ii) Economic and Social Council: substantive servicing of Economic and Social Council meetings related to items on Africa's development (2);

(iii) Committee for Programme and Coordination:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings in connection with the Committee for Programme and Coordination during its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (3);

b. Parliamentary documentation: United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (2);

(iv) Ad hoc expert groups: sustainable urbanization in Africa in the context of Agenda 2063 (1); financing for Africa's development, including for Agenda 2063, sustainable development goals and the post-2015 development agenda (1); the role of African civil society in countering violent extremism in Africa (1); strengthening the role of regional and national mechanisms in conflict prevention in Africa (1); consultative stakeholder meetings for the United Nations monitoring mechanism (4); panel discussion on promoting tourism as an engine of inclusive growth and sustainable development in Africa (1); panel discussion on the topic "How can Africa harness its potential demographic dividend?" (1); panel discussion on enhancing the contributions of African peacekeeping training centres in peace support operations in Africa (1); high-level panel on the support of the United Nations system for the peace, security and development dimension of the African Union's Agenda 2063 (1);

(v) Inter-agency meetings: coordination of the Advocacy and Communications Cluster of the Regional Coordination Mechanism of United Nations agencies working in Africa (2); coordination of the interdepartmental task force on African affairs (4);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Recurrent publications: e-folder on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (2);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: report on sustainable urbanization in Africa in the context of Agenda 2063 (1); report on financing for Africa's development, including for Agenda 2063, sustainable development goals and the post-2015 development agenda (1); report on the role of African civil society in countering violent extremism in Africa (1); report on strengthening the role of regional and national mechanisms in conflict prevention in Africa (1); report on the panel discussion on promoting tourism as an engine of inclusive growth and sustainable development in Africa (1); report on the panel discussion on the topic "How can Africa harness its potential demographic dividend?" (1); report on the

panel discussion on enhancing the contributions of African peacekeeping training centres in peace support operations in Africa (1); report on the high-level panel on the support of the United Nations system for the peace, security and development dimension of the African Union's Agenda 2063 (1); updated policy briefs related to policy developments (2); summary report of Africa Week (1);

(iii) Seminars for outside users: briefings of Member States and other stakeholders, including the private sector and civil society, on current and emerging issues regarding Africa's development and progress in the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development and on follow-up to the United Nations global conferences (8);

(iv) Technical materials: managing the database on African non-governmental organizations (1); managing the website of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (www.un.org/africa/osaa) (1).

11.23 The distribution of resources for subprogramme 1 is reflected in table 11.9.

Table 11.9 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 1**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2014-2015*	*2016-2017 (before recosting)*	*2014-2015*	*2016-2017*
Regular budget				
Post	10 476.3	10 476.3	32	32
Non-post	2 217.1	2 080.3	–	–
Subtotal	**12 693.4**	**12 556.6**	**32**	**32**
Extrabudgetary	377.0	500.0	–	–
Total	**13 070.4**	**13 056.6**	**32**	**32**

11.24 The amount of $12,556,600, reflecting a decrease of $136,800, would provide for the continuation of 32 posts (1 USG, 1 D-2, 2 D-1, 4 P-5, 7 P-4, 10 P-3, 1 P-2, 1 General Service (Principal level) and 5 General Service (Other level)) as well as non-post resources for other staff costs, consultants, experts, travel of staff, contractual services, general operating expenses, hospitality, supplies and materials, and furniture and equipment. The decrease of $136,800 under non-post requirements is due to: (a) a reduction in line with General Assembly resolution 69/264, as reflected in paragraph 11.15 above ($118,500); and (b) the removal of non-recurrent requirements for standard common service costs associated with nine posts approved for the biennium 2014-2015 ($18,300).

11.25 During the biennium 2016-2017, the projected extrabudgetary resources, amounting to $500,000, will complement resources from the regular budget to finance activities such as the preparation of policy papers on emerging issues in Africa, travel of representatives to attend conferences and meetings, and conference costs. Extrabudgetary resources play an important role in supporting the involvement of a broader range of civil society, private sector actors in mandated activities, including expert group meetings and panels, as well as increasing the profile of NEPAD among all stakeholders.

Subprogramme 2
Regional coordination of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

Resource requirements (before recosting): $1,887,700

11.26 Substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested within the Economic Commission for Africa. The subprogramme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy detailed under subprogramme 2 of programme 9 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2016-2017.

Table 11.10 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To strengthen United Nations system-wide support for the African Union and its New Partnership for Africa's Development programme, at the regional and subregional levels, within the context of the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union and its successor, as well as the strategic plans and priorities of African Union organs and institutions

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	*Indicators of achievement*		*Performance measures*		
			2016-2017	*2014-2015*	*2012-2013*
(a) Enhanced coherence, coordination and cooperation among United Nations agencies and organizations in support of African Union strategic plans and priorities, including the NEPAD programme, at the regional and subregional levels	Increased number of joint projects, programmes and activities implemented by United Nations agencies and organizations through the Regional Coordination Mechanism in Africa in support of African Union strategic plans and priorities, including the NEPAD programme, at the regional and subregional levels	Target	20	18	16
		Estimate		18	16
		Actual			16
(b) Enhanced capacity of regional and subregional organizations, particularly the African Union Commission, the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency, African Peer Review Mechanism secretariat, regional economic communities and intergovernmental organizations to design, implement and monitor their programmes	(i) Increased number of joint capacity development projects and activities implemented at the regional and subregional levels by the United Nations systems in the context of the Regional Coordination Mechanism in Africa, the Subregional Coordination Mechanism and their thematic clusters	Target	8	6	–
		Estimate		6	4
		Actual			4
	(ii) Increased number of joint capacity development projects, programmes and activities implemented by regional economic communities in support of regional economic integration programmes	Target	2	–	–
		Estimate		–	–
		Actual			–

External factors

11.27 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) regional policies and programmes in the sectors addressed by the nine thematic clusters are supported by significant efforts on the part of the regional economic

communities, the African Union and its NEPAD programme as well as their partners; and (b) there is a favourable sociopolitical and economic context to effectively support NEPAD in the nine thematic clusters of the Regional Coordination Mechanism.

Outputs

11.28 During the biennium 2016-2017, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings: annual session of the Regional Coordination Mechanism of United Nations agencies and organizations working in Africa in support of the African Union and its NEPAD programme (12);

(ii) Parliamentary documents: reports to the annual sessions of the Regional Coordination Mechanism in Africa in support of the African Union and NEPAD (2); reports to the annual sessions of the subregional coordination mechanisms of the United Nations system-wide support for the implementation of NEPAD programmes at the subregional level (2); reports to the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development on United Nations support to the African Union and NEPAD programmes (2);

(iii) Ad hoc expert groups: subregional coordination mechanism to strengthen the African Union and its NEPAD programme within the framework of the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union (2); enhancement of the monitoring and evaluation of the Regional Coordination Mechanism by the coordinators of the clusters of the Mechanism (2);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Non-recurrent publications: report on strengthening subregional coordination in support of the African Union and NEPAD (1); report on enhancing monitoring and evaluation in the Regional Coordination Mechanism (1);

(ii) Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: booklets and other promotional materials highlighting best practices and effective joint programmes in support of the implementation of NEPAD by United Nations agencies, the African Union Commission, the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency and regional economic communities (2);

(iii) Technical materials: preparation and updating of guidelines for enhancing the coordination of the Regional Coordination Mechanism cluster and subcluster activities (2);

(iv) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings: functional support for the meetings of the nine United Nations clusters of the Regional Coordination Mechanism in support of NEPAD and capacity-building for the African Union (2);

(v) Contribution to joint outputs: functional support for the Subregional Coordination Mechanism in the implementation of the programmes of regional economic communities (1); functional support for meetings and activities on capacity-building support for the African Union in the context of the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union or its successor programme (1); advocacy and outreach activities for NEPAD in collaboration with the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, the Department of Public Information, the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency and regional economic communities (1);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget):

(i) Advisory services: provision of advisory services to Member States, the African Union Commission, the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency, regional economic communities, the Africa Global Partnership Platform, the NEPAD Steering Committee and the African Peer Review Mechanism secretariat in support of the priorities of the African Union, NEPAD and regional economic communities as well as of the Millennium Development Goals (12).

11.29 The distribution of resources for subprogramme 2 is reflected in table 11.11.

Table 11.11 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 2**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2014-2015*	*2016-2017 (before recosting)*	*2014-2015*	*2016-2017*
Regular budget				
Post	1 405.1	1 405.1	5	5
Non-post	504.5	482.6	–	–
Subtotal	**1 909.6**	**1 887.7**	**5**	**5**
Extrabudgetary	597.2	–	–	–
Total	**2 506.8**	**1 887.7**	**5**	**5**

11.30 Resources in the amount of $1,887,700, reflecting a decrease of $21,900, would provide for the continuation of five posts (1 P-5, 2 P-4, 1 P-3 and 1 Local level) and non-post requirements for other staff costs, consultants, experts and travel of staff. The reduction of $21,900 is in line with General Assembly resolution 69/264, as reflected in paragraph 11.15 above.

11.31 A decline in extrabudgetary resources was experienced during the biennium 2014-2015, and that trend is expected to continue in the foreseeable future. No extrabudgetary resources, therefore, are envisaged for the biennium 2016-2017.

Subprogramme 3
Public information and awareness activities in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development

Resource requirements (before recosting): $2,393,200

11.32 Substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested within the Department of Public Information. The subprogramme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy detailed under subprogramme 3 of programme 9 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2016-2017.

Table 11.12 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To raise international support for the economic, political and social development of Africa, as well as for the efforts made by Africa and the international community to promote the economic recovery and sustainable development of the region in pursuit of the goals of the New Partnership for Africa's Development and the achievement of the sustainable development goals

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	*Indicators of achievement*		*Performance measures*		
			2016-2017	*2014-2015*	*2012-2013*
(a) Enhanced awareness of key thematic issues of NEPAD and other issues related to economic growth and sustainable development in Africa	(i) Increased number of visits and page views on the Africa Renewal website and other related websites	Target	1.9 million	1.0 million	–
		Estimate		1.3 million	1.1 million
		Actual			–
	(ii) Increased number of news items and publications (print, audio and video) picked up and reprinted or republished by the media as a result of continuing interest	Target	3 200	1 000	800
		Estimate		2 500	800
		Actual			2 436

External factors

11.33 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that external media (editors and journalists) are willing to accept publication materials prepared and disseminated by the Africa Section. The quality of the information that can be prepared by the subprogramme is influenced by the ability of partners (United Nations agencies, the African Union, the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency, stakeholders in Africa and the international community) to share information on their activities related to the goals, challenges and accomplishments of NEPAD.

Outputs

11.34 During the biennium 2016-2017, the following outputs will be delivered:

Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Recurrent publications: *Africa Renewal* in English (6) and French (6);

(ii) Press releases, press conferences, booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: press releases, press briefings, briefing papers, information kits, media advisories, fact sheets, wallcharts on major international, regional and local initiatives and developments that support or have an impact on Africa's economic and social development (2);

(iii) Media outreach: promotion of information materials produced by the Africa Section through media liaison with editors and writers in major African media and with major donor and other countries to place these articles and to include relevant information on United Nations support for Africa in their own materials (2);

(iv) Technical material: *Africa Renewal* website (English and French versions): develop and maintain the website, produce content tailored to the media and others interested in Africa's development for access through the website and create the site design to optimize audience access (www.un.org/africarenewal) (2);

(v) Contribution to joint outputs: contribution to the work of the Advocacy and Communications Cluster of the Regional Coordination Mechanism (2).

11.35 The distribution of resources for subprogramme 3 is reflected in table 11.13.

Table 11.13 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 3**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2014-2015*	*2016-2017 (before recosting)*	*2014-2015*	*2016-2017*
Regular budget				
Post	1 861.5	1 861.5	7	7
Non-post	545.9	531.7	–	–
Total	**2 407.4**	**2 393.2**	**7**	**7**

11.36 The amount of $2,393,200, reflecting a decrease of $14,200, would provide for the continuation of seven posts (1 P-5, 1 P-4, 2 P-3 and 3 General Service (Other level)) and non-post requirements for other staff costs, travel of staff, contractual services, general operating expenses, supplies and materials, and furniture and equipment. The reduction of $14,200 is in line with General Assembly resolution 69/264, as reflected in paragraph 11.15 above.

Annex

Organizational structure and post distribution for the biennium 2016-2017